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Honorable Justice Douglas Wilkins
Essex Superior Court
Appleton Way
Lawrence, MA. 01840

Regarding: Leonard Degnan – Character Reference

Honorable Justice Wilkins:

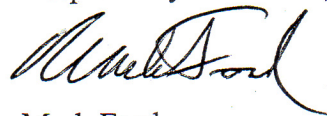
I write this letter today on behalf of Leonard Degnan. I have known Lenny for approximately 20 years. During much of that time Lenny served on the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District Commission, as a Lawrence Commissioner and then a North Andover Commissioner. My father, John and I performed Legal services for the Commission while Lenny was a Commissioner. Through all the years that I have known Lenny, he has always been honest and a straight shooter with the Commission and me. Although for many of the years of Lenny's service on the Commission, there was a small stipend, I consider his work at the Commission as volunteer work for approximately 13 years.

Many times Lenny had strong opinions on issues at the District. He voiced those concerns, sometimes alone, and most times was able to gather a consensus on an issue important to his community, and the District. Whether he was serving Lawrence or North Andover, he always served his community well and was an asset to the Board. He had a great grasp of municipal finance which was helpful to the Board and his Community.

I have also learned to know Lenny as a resident of North Andover. Over the years, he has also stepped up as a volunteer in Town in regards to youth baseball and football. He has always stood out as a volunteer for his Town. This service is just another example of Lenny's willingness to help out his Community.

I consider Lenny to be a friend, a dedicated Community servant, successful Insurance Agent, and a great father to his family. I don't believe that Lenny ever expected to see this case go the way it did, as he was always open and honest with all Agencies. I am hopeful that Lenny's good deeds in the Community are considered by this Honorable Court.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Ford